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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

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TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. S ADD/P				✓	<p>Mr. Helms did not wish to keep in his files. If any publicity arises out of this, it might coincide with other publicity involving RNCASTING- Mf</p> <p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007</p>
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7 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADD/P

SUBJECT: Possible Fate of Albanian Agent Team.

1. In view of the fact that our Albanian agent team known as Apple/3, which started exfiltrating to Greece on 12 May, has not been heard from since 17 June, it is believed advisable to consider the possibility that this team has been apprehended by the Albanian security forces and the next news of them will be over Radio Tirana. If the team members have been apprehended alive we must further assume that they will have informed the Albanian Security Police of their contacts with the American I.S. and of ex-King Zog's role in our operation, which facts may well be made public by the Albanian regime.
2. At the time of the last W/T contact the team reported that it was 10-12 miles from the Greek border. However, in the five-man group, four persons were known to be either ill or injured and it is quite possible the team has been forced to take refuge while some of its members recover strength to proceed. If this is the case we must assume some damage to their W/T equipment or serious illness on the part of the operator to explain the silence.
3. We were advised by Athens on 12 June that all W/T contact with both Apple/3 and Apple/2, the reconstituted base team, was being conducted on the premise that either or both might be controlled until a complete review of the operations could be made or Apple/3 successfully exfiltrated and could be interrogated. No conclusions have yet been reached.
4. When additional information on the fate of Apple/3 is available a further report will be submitted.

Acting Chief, SE

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